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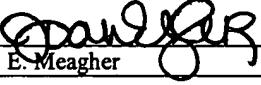
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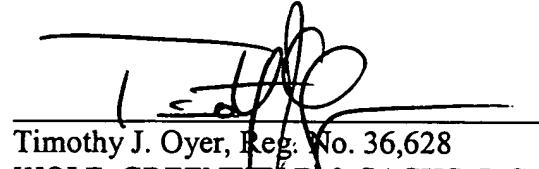
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	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
TOTAL CLAIMS	131	432	= 0	X \$ 18	= \$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	4	37	= 0	X \$ 84	= \$0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					= \$0.00

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (617) 720-3500, Boston, Massachusetts.

No fee is believed due. If a fee is occasioned or if extensions of time are necessary, please charge the balance to the account of the undersigned, Deposit Account No. 23/2825. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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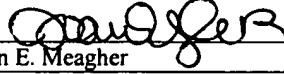
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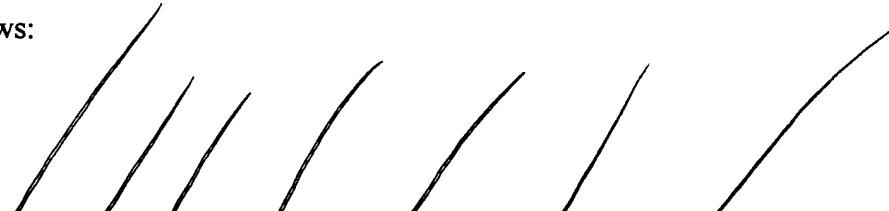
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Before beginning examination of the above-identified application on its merits, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:


Please cancel claims 1-275, 277, 278, 283-298, 305-307, 316, 318, and 320-378, without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

379. (New) A method as in claim 276, wherein the allowing step comprises allowing the first and second species to bind to each other.

380. (New) A method as in claim 379, wherein the allowing step comprises allowing the first species to be fastened to the first colloid particle.